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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2010*) (a) Notwithstanding the
2 provisions of section 31-235 of the general statutes, an eligible
3 individual who has made a claim for benefits in accordance with the
4 provisions of section 31-240 of the general statutes, shall be allowed to
5 work on a part-time employment basis while receiving benefits under
6 section 31-229 of the general statutes for a period of two calendar years
7 after making an initial claim for unemployment benefits.
- 8 (b) The sum of the unemployment benefits received by an eligible
9 individual under section 31-229 of the general statutes and the total
10 wages received from part-time employment shall not exceed the
11 average weekly wages received by said individual during the four
12 calendar quarters prior to making an initial claim for benefits.
- 13 (c) If the sum of the unemployment benefits and total wages from
14 part-time employment received by an individual pursuant to
15 subsection (b) of this section exceeds the amount received in total
16 wages prior to making an initial claim for benefits, the amount of

17 unemployment benefits received by the eligible individual shall be
 18 reduced until the sum of unemployment benefits and total wages from
 19 part-time employment is equal to the income received by that
 20 individual prior to making a claim for unemployment benefits.

21 (d) For the purposes of this section, "part-time employment" means
 22 employment that is less than twenty-five hours in duration per week,
 23 "total wages" has the same meaning as in section 31-222 of the general
 24 statutes, and "calendar quarters" has the same meaning as in section
 25 31-222 of the general statutes.

26 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) On or before January 1,
 27 2010, the Labor Commissioner, in consultation with the Secretary of
 28 the Office of Policy and Management and the Commissioner of
 29 Administrative Services, or their designees, shall, within existing
 30 budgetary resources, establish policies and procedures for reporting on
 31 and evaluating the solvency of the Unemployment Compensation
 32 Fund.

33 (b) On or before January 1, 2012, and biennially thereafter, the Labor
 34 Commissioner shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
 35 general statutes, to the Governor and the joint standing committee of
 36 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to labor
 37 summarizing the projected balance and surpluses and deficits in the
 38 Unemployment Compensation Fund for the next succeeding ten years.
 39 Such report shall include recommendations for administrative or
 40 legislative action related to the solvency of the Unemployment
 41 Compensation Fund.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>January 1, 2010</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To allow individuals receiving unemployment compensation to work on a part-time basis while receiving unemployment benefits so their income will equal their income prior to filing for unemployment benefits and to create a reporting requirement for the Labor Commissioner on the solvency of the Unemployment Compensation Fund and provide recommendations to ensure that solvency.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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